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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SECRETARY FROM LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MFA NOTE ON JANUARY 15:
THE MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S CONVEYING
THE ANSWER OF BROTHER MAJOR ABD-AL MUN IM AL-HUNI, MEMBER
OF THE RCC AND FOREIGN MINISTER, TO HIS COUNTERPART
DR. HENRY KISSINGER, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE NEW YEAR: "I HAVE RECEIVED, AND THANK
YOU, YOUR WISHES ON THE NEW YEAR, AND I TAKE THIS
OCCASION TO SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS".

2. COMMENT: THIS IS RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S CHRISTMAS CARD,
WHICH WE DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. OTHER MISSIONS
IN TRIPOLI HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR MESSAGES, WHICH MAY REPRESENT
AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP UP THE INCREASINGLY THREADBARE
PRETENSE THAT AL-HUMI IS STILL ACTING AS FOREIGN MINISTER.
HE HAS NOT ATTENDED ANY OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS MEETINGS,
AS HAVE ALL FUNCTIONING RCC MEMBERS, AND HIS
WHEREABOUTS CONTINUE TO BE A MYSTERY TO DIPLOMATS IN
TRIPOLI. AS FAR AS WE KNOW HE HAS NOT RETURNED TO
LIBYA SINCE THE MUHAYSHI AFFAIR IN AUGUST.
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